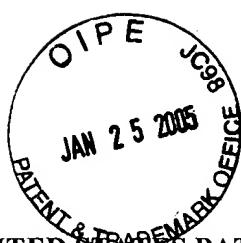


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**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CITED ART**

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Sir:

We are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated January 14, 2005.

In reviewing the file, it is noted that we have not received acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement and cited art filed January 3, 2003. Enclosed are copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and stamped return postcard acknowledgement.

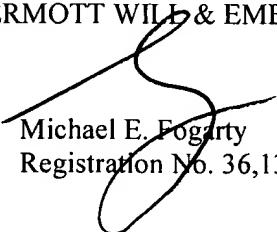
Applicant hereby respectfully requests that:

- (1) the appropriately acknowledged PTO-1449 be furnished to Applicant; and
- (2) the record be clarified to confirm that the cited art has been considered and made of record.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the U.S. filing date OR before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No certification or fee is required.

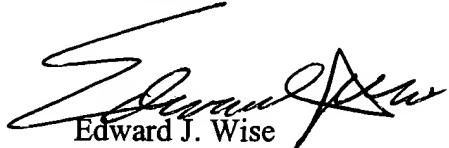
Each reference was first cited in a corresponding foreign application search report or office action and its relevance discussed therein. A copy of the foreign search report or office action, together with an English language version thereof, is attached for the Examiner's information.

**09/661,798**

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